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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/658,975	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ANDERSON ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 21 February 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-18.

Identification of prior art discussed: Smith (5,701,511); Brossard (6,302,790); and Sato 95,588,096).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative shared proposed new claims to distinguish claimed invention from the prior art and probed into the possibility of new limitations focused on the placement of markers in the audio stream at variable intervals. No agreement was reached as the Examiner opined that prior Office Actions specifically addressed event (vs time) driven audio sequences/marker placement and consequently variably placed markers are known in the art.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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